

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated May 16, 2007. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been cancelled and the invention recast in newly presented claim 6. New claim 6 defines the dispenser of the present invention in terms more closely aligned with the structure shown in the preferred embodiment. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended pursuant to the new definition of the invention provided by claim 6.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

35 USC§112 - Drawings

The drawings are objected to for failing to show all the claimed features. The claimed feature identified by the Examiner – “at least one of the complementary features being deformable” – was defined in now cancelled claim 5. Accordingly, the objection is now moot.

35 USC§112 – Claims

Claim 5 stands rejected for lack of enablement in the written description. The rejection is moot in view of claim 5's cancellation.

35 USC§103 – Claims

Claims 1 to 5 stand rejected as obvious in light of US 2004/0035491 to Castellano in view of US 2004/0055661 to Yuen.

New claim 6 clarifies that the plunger requires the manual application of a dispensing force to the plunger in order to have telescopic movement of the plunger relative to the base and thereby dispense printing fluid. The Castellano device uses the relative movement between the injector casing 2044 and the ram 2046 to simply disengage the latch 2026 from the detent 2047. After the latch has been disengaged, further relative movement of the injector casing relative to the ram is driven by the spring 2024. If the ram is equated to the plunger of the present invention, there is no application of a threshold force to the ram in order to disengage the latch from the detent. There is no continued manual application of dispensing force on the ram. The spring dispenses the full dose of medicament. The operator does not have control of the amount of fluid dispensed or the rate of flow.

As the cited references fail to teach or suggest a dispenser having the combination of elements defined by new claim 6, it follows they do not anticipate the present invention.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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